

Please note that starting Oct. 1, 2011, parents with income 75%-100% of Federal Poverty Level will no longer be accepted for services, and those that are on AHCCCS can stay on as long as they renew their applications every six months.

AHCCCS Update

Adults without children should still apply for AHCCCS health coverage despite the freeze on new enrollment that started July 8th.

Although AHCCCS stopped approving new enrollment for childless adults, they are still obligated to accept and process all applications for medical assistance. It's important that everyone who needs health coverage continue to apply for two reasons. First, there is a pending lawsuit that may stop the freeze. People who apply now could be covered in the future. Second, there are some people with specific criteria that will be covered through other AHCCCS categories and they shouldn't go without medical assistance. Visit the [website](#) for more information. Information taken from [Children's Action Alliance Newsletter](#), July Issue.

Am I impacted? *Adults without children will have their eligibility "frozen" which means if they do not renew AHCCCS eligibility on time they will lose services. The door will be closed with no ability to reapply. This started July 1, 2011. *Parents with income between 75% and 100% of federal poverty level (a monthly income of \$1,159-1,545 for a family of 3) will lose eligibility if they do not renew their eligibility on time- they will be frozen out and will lose their services. The door will be closed with no ability to reapply. This goes into effect October 1, 2011. *Both groups MUST renew AHCCCS every six months.

Any time you receive a letter or notice from AHCCCS, you must read it and take the action required or ask for help from a benefits specialist. You can NOT put this off. Now is the time to do the paperwork. Keep all notices you receive. It is important to keep both DES and AHCCCS informed of changes to your address.